

days ago. Sandy was an extraordinary woman, whose compassion, dedication, and commitment to public service touched the lives of many and helped to shape the very character of our great state.

Sandy was many things to many people—advocate, activist, mentor, and most importantly, friend. I first met Sandy as a newly elected Member of Congress when she sought me out to talk about the need to preserve and protect the Long Island Sound and the invaluable habitats along its shores. Few have had a larger impact on the preservation and protection of the Long Island Sound than Sandy. She worked with me and others to secure millions of dollars in federal funding to support conservation efforts up and down the Sound's coast and was instrumental in the passage of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act. She also served as the Connecticut Co-Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the national estuary program for Long Island Sound where she fought for horseshoe crab sanctuaries that protected this ancient creature and helped establish standards for harvesting menhaden that set the stage for the return of whales to the Sound.

Sandy's passionate activism helped to make real many land conservation projects including such local environmental jewels as Kelda, the former Griswold Airport, Long Beach West, The Preserve, and Suffield and Barn Island Wildlife Management Areas; and to expand the Stewart B. McKinney and Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuges. Her outstanding contributions have been recognized with three national awards including a U.S. Department of the Interior Environmental Achievement Award; a Teaming with Wildlife Member Achievement Award for establishing a Connecticut Conservation License Plate; and a Coastal America Award for conservation teamwork at Long Beach West.

In addition to her environmental work, Sandy was also a dedicated advocate for the Town of Bethany, Connecticut. She served as a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission for more than two decades, she worked to renew State funding that resulted in creation of a municipal open space and watershed matching grants program that helped protect Clover Nook Farm, Veteran's Memorial Park and Monument Stables and for more than a decade she served as Bethany's representative on the Regional Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, and on its Land Use Committee.

Sandy was also a dedicated member of Connecticut's Democratic Party. She served as the Democratic Town Chair of Bethany for many years and it was under her leadership that the first Democrat in nearly a century was elected First Selectman. In neighboring Woodbridge, she was a driving force behind the election of the first woman to serve as First Selectman in the town's history. Her contributions to local and state politics earned her the respect and admiration of many across the state.

Sandy was a great friend to me and several members of my staff. There was not a time when we could not call her for advice, information, and council. There was not an environmental event in the state that she did not attend—and she likely had a hand in its organization as well. Even under the most frustrating of circumstances, she was there with a smile, ready to roll up her sleeves and get to

work. Sandy was the best—an embodiment of everything we strive to be as advocates for others. Like so many others, I consider myself fortunate to have called her my friend.

Sandy leaves behind her mother, Ruth, as well as scores of family, friends, and colleagues whose lives were touched by her good work. I am proud to stand today and take this opportunity to pay tribute to her lifetime of public service, to thank her for her invaluable contributions, and to honor her lasting memory. Alexandra "Sandy" Breslin has left an indelible mark on the State of Connecticut, the Town of Bethany, and in the hearts of all of those fortunate enough to have known and worked with her. Though her presence will be deeply missed, hers is a legacy that will continue to inspire generations of activists and advocates to come.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST
ATTACK IN LONDON AND
SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE
OF ENGLAND

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the lives of the innocent victims of the horrific attack that took place in London this past weekend.

Seven lives were cut short and dozens more people were injured by the outrageous and heinous acts of terror that shocked the people of London and the world.

At this terrible time, our hearts and prayers are with the victims and their loved ones.

Our gratitude and appreciation goes to the first responders, the intelligence community and all those who selflessly risked their lives and worked together to prevent the terror from spreading farther.

We stand in unyielding solidarity with the people of England, which like the United States, stands against the dark forces that put our way of life at risk.

England will emerge from this and other recent attacks as a stronger nation that remains committed to the values and principles that have made the city a key player in commerce, human rights and democracy.

London has been a world leader in the march of human progress in the arts, culture, science, democratic theory and governance, and in embracing the challenges and opportunities of the modern world.

Those who think that they can terrorize the people of England or the values that the western world cherishes underestimate a nation that has a long history of prevailing against far more sinister and lethal adversaries.

And they will again, but they will not confront these adversaries alone.

They will be joined by the United States and the other countries of the civilized world.

As London recovers and responds, I hope its people and the loved ones of the victims can find comfort in the knowledge that the people in the United States stand in solidarity with them.

The attacks in England are a reminder of the common threat the free, democratic, and peace loving nations of the world face from

those who violently reject the values and norms of our civilized society.

The attacks highlight the extent to which enemies of our shared values are willing to go to threaten the liberties and freedoms enjoyed by those of us living in free societies.

Those responsible for the attacks should make no mistake; they will be held accountable for their horrific actions against humanity.

And as has been done many times throughout the long and special relationship between the United States and England, we will face and overcome threats to our way of life together.

We will not bow and will never break; we will not falter or fail.

We will respond. We will endure. We will overcome.

The horrible and heinous acts of terrorists are their responsibility and theirs alone, and for which they can be assured that they alone will be held accountable.

But that will come another day; today I ask a moment of silence for the victims killed and injured in the terrorist attacks in London.

ZACHARY SALAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zachary Salas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Zachary Salas is a student at Bear Creek K-8 School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Zachary Salas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Zachary Salas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING CALIFORNIA HUMAN
DEVELOPMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor California Human Development, as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary this year. This important community organization has played a vital role in fighting poverty across northern California and will continue to help struggling Californians for years to come.

California Human Development (CHD) is a non-profit, human services provider waging the War on Poverty. Founded in 1967, and inspired by labor icon Cesar Chavez, the original focus of CHD was to assist migrant and